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REMARKS

The Advisory Action of July 21 lists several language changes which the Examiner asserts would provoke new 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejections, but indicates that claims 3-7 and 9-10 would be allowed if these language inconsistencies were resolved. This amendment resolves the inconsistencies as the Examiner suggested. Regarding claim 6, the Examiner had previously asserted that claim 6 was not supported by the specification. Accordingly, claim 6 was amended to parallel the language of page 2, line 24, which uses the phrase "in the same operation". In accordance with the Examiner's current objection to this phrase, the applicants are now deleting it as being redundant and surplus.

The remaining pending claims have been cancelled, and a new claim 13 which parallels claim 6, but in apparatus and means format has been added. The applicants believe that they should be entitled to apparatus coverage of a scope which is substantially the same as method claim 6.

New claim 13 should be entered and does not require any additional search or consideration. Apparatus claim 13 has been written by capturing large of significant text from claim 6 and re-presenting the concepts in apparatus format. In order to make the claim read smoothly, the applicants presented some of the subject in a different order. However, due to the close parallelism between new apparatus claim 13 and prior method claim 6, it is submitted that it is allowable for the same reasons and may be allowed without further search and that no additional consideration by the Examiner or issues of patentability are raised. Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 13 should be entered.

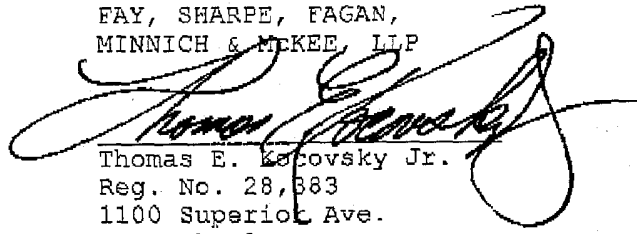
If, the Examiner is not fully convinced that all of the claims comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, or are not otherwise in condition for allowance, it is requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned to obtain authorization to make appropriate mutually agreeable modifications by Examiner's Amendment or to permit the applicants to re-present the claims in another amendment after final further amended to comply precisely with the Examiner's requirements.

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An early allowance of all claims is requested.

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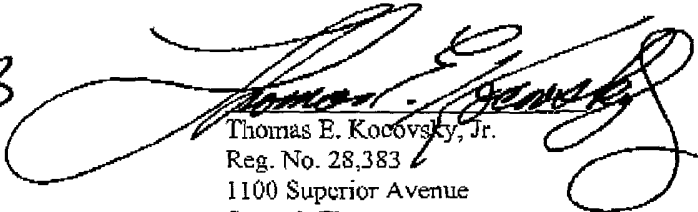
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